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Sister of Mercy Rites in Corning

Sister Mary Rita Maher

Corning — Solemn funeral services for Sister Mary Rita of the Sisters of Mercy, who died Saturday (May 5, 1945) in St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira in the forty-first year of her religious profession, were conducted in St. Mary's Church, at 9 a. m. Monday, May 7.

The Rev. Earl Tobin celebrated the Solemn High Mass assisted by the Rev. Edward McKay of St. Vincent's Church as deacon and the Rev. Joseph McCarthy as subdeacon. Responses were sung by the Sisters' Choir, accompanied by Miss May Morgan, organist.

The following members of the clergy were present in the sanctuary: the Reverend Fathers Joseph G. Merkel, of SS; Peter and Paul's Church, Elmira; Richard Quinn of St. Andrew's Seminary and J. Edmund O'Brien, chaplain at the Monastery of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Elmira.

Also in attendance were members of the Sisters of Mercy Order from Clyde, Rochester, Elmira, Hornell and Corning and friends and relatives from Rochester, Bath and Hornell.

Born in Corning, the daughter of Martin Maher and Bridget Kelly, Sister Mary Rita taught in several diocesan parochial schools and had been for the past few years a teacher at the Mt. Carmel School, Rochester.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Kieglar and Miss Nellie Maher of Corning; two brothers, Edward of Williamsport, Pa., and Leo Maher of Corning; also several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the Sisters' plot in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Try to be unnoticed except when called on to come forward in the cause of God and our neighbor.—Father Clare, S. J.

ON GUARD

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Mothers of this nation wept when we went to war. With their powers of maternal vision they saw horrible things long before the rest of us. Only now statesmen are discovering the degradation of prison camps. Mothers saw the ghastly scenes of Dachau and Los Banos on the day America went to war.

Most of us grasp the meaning of war only when combat photographers send back their grim pictures from the battlefronts. But American mothers saw all the white crosses of Tarawa, and Iwo Jima, and Normandy on the afternoon of Pearl Harbor.

They saw planes plummeting in sheets of flame from German and Pacific skies long before our airmen was over Europe and the Far East.

They saw their sons shaking and sweating with malaria in the foxholes of Guadalcanal and Africa.

They saw American boys dying in the hedgerows of France. They saw the murderous gun fire on the beach heads of Anzio and Salerno.

American mothers did not need to read the dramatic accounts of the Pacific war correspondents in order to see great warships going down in billows of smoke and garments of flame.

Mothers saw all these tragic scenes on the day war was declared. That is why they cried that night and waxy more nights since.

The tears of American Motherhood are not tears of cowardice. They are the tears of courage. Our war mothers trusted our generation and have been disappointed. They hoped that our generation would make the world secure for motherhood, but their confidence was betrayed.

Our century has been very hard on women, especially mothers. Twice within twenty-five years women have seen their innate passion for a home and security thwarted by two world wars. A century so boastful of its prowess as ours can

only hang it head in shame. Twice in a few short years we have called upon mothers of the world to underwrite with flesh and blood the blunders of human folly.

Mothers do not ask much from life in consideration for what they give it. Only a home with a roof over it and a fire inside. Only a table with some food to eat. A cradle for their babies. A chance to see their children grow. Never mind the orchids and the bonbons. Just give mothers a chance to see their children's children before they die. Give them a world where they can see their husbands and sons coming down the street in the evening.

These are the simple dreams and ancient ambitions of mothers everywhere. But World War II has blasted these heart-felt dreams for thousands of the daughters of Eve. Along the rubble-strewn roads of the world women gaze silently at the ruin of yesterday's homes. These tragic figures weep alone. Many of these mothers will never see their husbands and sons coming home again in the evening.

What can we say to American mothers on next Sunday? How can we explain to American mothers the sobering realism of almost a million American casualties? What eloquence of patriotism can disguise the fact that these million casualties are the sons—the very flesh and blood — of American Motherhood.

Now we are marking victory in Europe but it is only a victory on the battlefield. Other battlegrounds in the Pacific remain to be conquered. There can be no true victory until we have made every city and town, every street and lane, safe for the vocation of motherhood. The great day for all mothers can only be when statesmen discover the secret of building a world without guns.

As yet statesmen have failed to make the world safe for democracy. Perhaps it would help if they would try to make the world safe for motherhood.

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Papal Delegate Hails Victory

Washington — "This is the glorious day when all mankind should arise in fervent prayerful thanksgiving to God for the laying down of blood-stained implements of war," the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, declared in a statement here Tuesday.

Observing that "the titanic struggle which has tragically torn Europe and America is at last terminated," His Excellency said, "Now only one program remains possible — that all nations, victorious and vanquished, large and small, and all men, from the heads of States to the lowliest citizens, be entirely dedicated to the task of healing the wounds of war through wholehearted reconstruction upon the only solid basis of justice and brotherhood."

The Apostolic Delegate offered Solemn Benediction in a V-E Day thanksgiving service at St. Patrick's Church here this evening. The seminarian choir of Holy Cross College here intoned the "Te Deum" at the service.

Back King Leopold

Paris — (RNS) — Catholic leaders in Belgium are rallying to the defense of King Leopold against Socialist elements opposed to the monarchy, according to reports here. Prisoner of the Germans since 1940, the King was liberated by American troops near Augsburg, and is reported preparing to return to Belgium.



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